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To  
Glory

From  
Grace

Linda  
Williams

August 20, 1952 ~ March 20, 2013

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Getri Williams Daughter





## *Linda's Heart ...*



### *Love Lives On*

*Those we love  
are never really lost to us -  
We feel them  
in so many special ways -  
Through friends  
they always cared about  
and dreams  
they left behind,  
In beauty that they  
added to our days...  
In words of wisdom  
we still carry with us  
and memories  
that never will be gone...  
Those we love  
are never really lost to us -  
For everywhere  
their special love lives on.*

*by A. Bradley*

### *Together Again*

*Linda Dianne Williams and Son Brandon LaMont DeBose*

*Homegoing Celebration*  
*Linda Williams*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013**

*Wake 11 AM · Homegoing Service 12 Noon*

CENTENNIAL AME ZION CHURCH  
127 Doat Street · Buffalo, NY 14212

*Reverend Craig W. Douglass*  
*Pastor, Officiating*



**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Musical Prelude..... Martha Connors  
Words of Assurance..... Reverend Craig W. Douglass  
Invocation ..... Reverend Craig W. Douglass  
Solo ..... Jeanette Jones  
Scripture Lesson..... Reverend Kenneth Terrell  
    Old Testament: Psalm 23  
    New Testament: II Corinthians 5:1-8  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Patricia Terrell  
Solo ..... Patricia Terrell  
Acknowledgement of Condolences &  
    Reading of Obituary..... Daria Barney  
Solo ..... Reverend Rhonda Henderson  
Eulogy ..... Reverend Craig W. Douglass  
Recessional Selection..... Martha Connors

**INTERMENT**

St. Matthew's Cemetery  
180 French Road · West Seneca, New York 14224

*Immediately Following Interment,  
Repast Will Be Held at the Church*

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# Remembrance



## *Linda Williams*

*August 20, 1952 ~ March 20, 2013*

Linda Dianne Williams was born on August 20, 1952 to the late James T. and Geraldine (McMichael) Williams of Buffalo, New York.

Linda accepted Christ at an early age as a member of the Calvary C.M.E. Church. During the early 1970's, she moved her membership to the Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church where she was led by the late Reverend Maceo Freeman. Under the leadership of her current pastor, the Reverend Craig W. Douglass, she served as a member of the Centennial Mass Choir and the Gospel Chorus. She also served as Chair for the Church Anniversary Committee.

Linda graduated from Fosdick Masten Vocational High School in 1970 with a Secretarial Diploma. She went on to major in Business Administration at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Linda enjoyed a 36 year career with the Buffalo Board of Education, happily and graciously performing her duties at various schools throughout the city of Buffalo.

*And who knew ...* Linda was a former Brownie and Girl Scout. She also appeared on The Uncle Jerry Show on television. As children growing up in Linda's family, things could get very comical when least expected. Linda was the one who gave their grandmother her moniker. As told, Linda couldn't pronounce "Big Momma," so she called her "Bit Monie," much to the amusement of family and friends.

On March 20, 2013 when Linda was sixty years old, God dispatched His angels to rescue her from the body that held her beautiful soul, escorting her to that heavenly place where the streets are paved in gold and where there's no more pain or discomfort. Linda joined her father James T. Williams and her beloved son Brandon LaMont DeBose, both of whom preceded her in passing.

Linda's precious memory lives on in the hearts of her loving and devoted mother, Geraldine Williams; her sister Teresa E. Fields; aunts Ruby Brunson, Dorothy Terrell, Linnel Guyton and Jessie D. Williams; nephews and nieces LaMar Fields, Whittina Gregory (William), Terence Reddick and Tiera Reddick; great nieces and nephews Jasmine, Jarren, London, Jsaun, Za'Kyla and Jazaya; god sisters Nicole Montgomery and Cammie Torrance; goddaughter Angela Davis, and a host of cousins, other family members and dear friends.

# *Linda Shall Live ...*



*"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life:  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."*

JOHN 11:25

## *Beyond Life's Gateway ...*



There is an open gate at the end of the road  
Through which each must go alone.  
And there is a light we cannot see  
As our Father claims His own.  
Beyond the gate your loved one finds  
Happiness and rest,  
And there is comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knows best.

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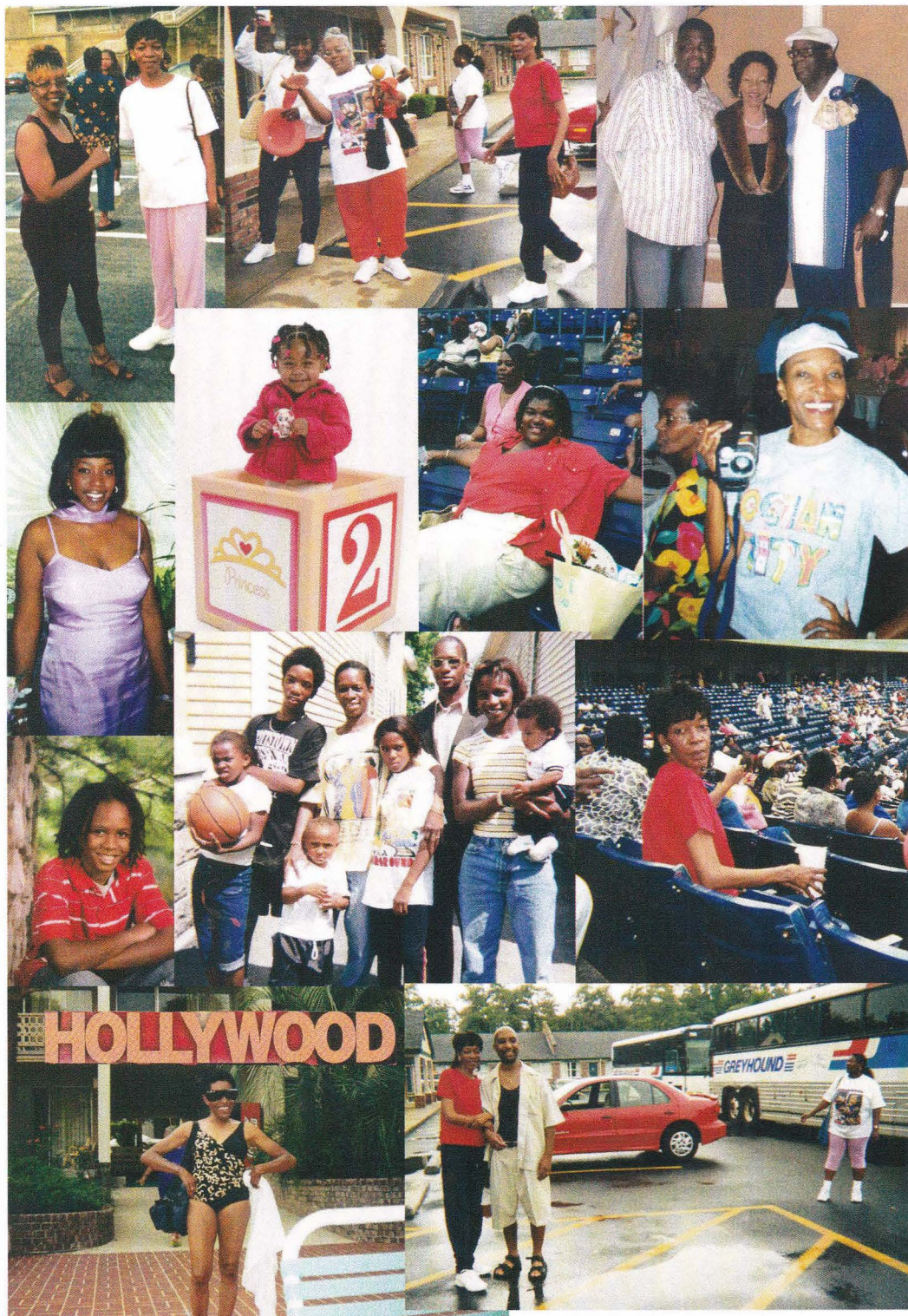


*Precious Memories ...*

*"Bit Monie's" Grands*











# Acknowledgements



## PALLBEARERS

Raymond Staley  
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Michael Williams

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## THANK YOU

*Our hearts are sincerely grateful for all the expressions of sympathy we have received and all the acts of kindness that have helped us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, words of encouragement and acts of support have been a blessing to us and are greatly appreciated. We give special thanks to the staff of HighPointe on Michigan and Hospice of Western New York for providing excellent care and comfort for our loved one. May God bless and keep each of you in His love.*

*The Family of Linda Williams*

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